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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4312

C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 3812

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EWWT, UN, PN

SUBJECT: SHIPPING: UN CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES

REF: STATE 135032

1. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF CALL FROM DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AND SHIPPING AFFAIRS, KOURUKLIS, ON ANOTHER MATTER, EMBOFF ASKED ABOUT STATUS OF RATIFICATION OF SUBJECT CODE. APPARENTLY FINANCE MINISTRY'S OPPOSITION IS STILL STRONGER THAN COMMERCE MINISTRY'S SUPPORT AND THE CODE WILL NOT BE RATIFIED BY PANAMA.

2. FYI ALTHOUGH CODE IS BLOCKED, THERE SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING IN THE WATER HERE CAUSING PEOPLE TO ACT STRANGELY. KOURUKLIS RELATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED AN ORDER FROM THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT. GENERAL TORRIJOS, TO, IN EFFECT, DISBAND THE PANAMANIAN FLAG OF CONVENIENCE FLEET. KOURUKLIS REPLIED THAT PANAMA EARNED \$10 MILLION A YEAR FROM ITS FLEET WHICH CAUSED THE GENERAL TO REDUCE HIS ORDER TO EXCLUDE SHIPS UNDER A CERTAIN TONNAGE (EMBOFF BELIEVES KOURUKLIS SAID 10,000 TONS). THAT, KOURUKLIS POINTED OUT, WOULD  
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DEPRIVE PANAMA OF \$4 MILLION, AFTER WHICH NO FURTHER

ORDERS WERE RECEIVED. KOURUKLIS WAS AT A LOSS TO  
EXPLAIN WHAT POSSIBLE BENEFIT SUCH MOVES COULD HOLD FOR  
PANAMA AND IF IT WERE CONCEIVED AS A METHOD OF PRESSUR-  
ING THE U.S. ON THE CANAL ISSUE, HOW IT WOULD DO ANY  
MORE THAN CAUSE A CHANGE OF SHIP REGISTRATION TO  
LIBERIA.  
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